Programme in High-Technology areas like High Definition T.V., Digital Video etc.; and

(c) what are the R&D organisations identified for this purpose by the task force on Electronics Policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) The[1] broad framework of Government Policy in the field of electronics is based on the objectives of promoting a strong self-reliant indigenous base, increasing technology development and ungradation and building up appropriate infrastructure and qualified manpower. The policy framework has accordingly been and will be an evolutionary process which would be followed during the Eighth Plan also.

(b) and (c) Within the above broad framework the Working Group on Electronics Industry set up by the Planning Commission for the formulation of the Eighth Plan, have identified a number of Thrust Areas. However, details of outlays schemes priorities etc. for the Eighth Plan have yet to be finalised.

Introduction of Leave Encashment Facilities for Central Government Employees

1815. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to introduce leave encashment facility for the Central Government employees during service period; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and by when orders to this effect are likely to be issued?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) and (b) The Board of Arbitration set up under the Scheme for Joint Consultative Machinery and Compulsory Arbitration for Central Government Employees (JCM Schemes) has given an Award for the grant of the facility of encashment of earned leave while in service to Central Government employes from 1st April 1989 subject to certain conditions. the Award is being processed in Govt, in accordance with the prescribed procedure. A decision in the matter will be taken early.

आंगनवाड़ी कार्यकर्ताओं का वेतन/मानदेय

1816. **श्री राम जेठमलानी :** क्या प्रधान मंत्री 14 मार्च, 1990 को राज्य सभा में अतारांकित प्रश्न 98 के दिये गये उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) प्रारम्भ में आंगनवाड़ी कार्यकर्ताओं का वेतन तथा मानदेय कब निर्धारित किया गया था ;

(ख) क्या आंगनवाड़ी कार्यकर्ताओं के संगठन ने हाल ही में अपने पारिश्रमिक को बढ़ाये जाने की मांग करते हुए सरकार को एक मांग-पत्र प्रस्तुत किया है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

विज्ञान और प्रोद्योगिकी मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री साथ में मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय में शिक्षा विभाग में राज्य मंत्री का अतिरिक्त प्रभार (प्रो०एम० जो० के० मेनन) : (क) आंगनवाड़ी कार्यकर्ताओं और सहायिकाओं के मानदेय की दरें प्रारम्भ में अगस्त, 1975 में निर्धारित की गई थीं जबकि समेकित बाल विकास सेवा (आई०सी०डी०एस०) योजना शुरू की गई थी ।

(ख) जी, हां ।

(ग) मामला विचाराधीन है ।